Respirator General Care Checklist

Each Use:

✓ Use respirator wipes to clean before and after each use
✓ Inspect respirator for cleanliness and defects
  o Any replacement parts or respirators can be found at the EHS Office
✓ Inspect respirator components for fit (see the following section)

Storage:

✓ Store respirators in a clean, dry apparatus
  o Ensure no deformation of respirator shape will occur
  o Ensure the storage container is air-tight so as to prevent any damage to respirator

Fit:

✓ Inspect respirator for:
  o Tightness of connections
  o Condition of face-piece, straps, and cartridges
  o Valve functionality
  o Pliability/flexibility of rubber
  o Lenses
✓ Perform negative and positive pressure checks after donning
  o Do not wear respirator if the fit is suspicious

Monthly:

✓ Clean respirator using the following procedure:
  1. Remove filters, valves, cartridges
  2. Wash respirator apparatus in warm (110° F max) water with a mild detergent recommended by the manufacturer. Use a semi-stiff (non-wire) brush to aid in dirt removal
  3. Rinse thoroughly in warm water
  4. Immerse respirator for 2 minutes in one of the following
     ▪ Hypochlorite solution: add 1 mL laundry bleach to 1 gal warm water
     ▪ Other commercially available cleansers if recommended by the manufacturer
  5. Rinse thoroughly in warm water
  6. Air dry and reassemble
  7. Test respirator to ensure all components work properly
✓ Store respirator in a clean, dry container